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Mr. SPEAKER :—" This is a general question. The main question is about a particular district. If the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer, I have no objection."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know when the first report was made, and whether any report was sent to the Police to take up investigation of the case instead of asking the Co-operative Registrar to enquire into the case? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, a departmental enquiry is first necessary to decide whether the case has to be referred to the Police."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" இந்தப் புகாரை யார் கொடுத்தாரோ அவருக்கு, இந்த விசாரணை நடந்த காலத்திலே, தன்னுடைய கட்சியை எடுத்துச் சொல்வதற்கு சந்தர்ப்பம் அளிக்கப்பட்டதா ?

My question is—' Was the person who gave the complaint given an opportunity to place his case before the Departmental Officer? ' "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" I cannot give all that information, now, Sir." (Laughter.)

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" My question was not answered by the Hon. Minister, Sir."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Let the hon. Member give notice of a fresh question."

Illicit cutting of forest trees and coupe at Pudupatty village in Rasipuram taluk, Salem district.

* 1107 *Q.*—Sri S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any representation on 13th December 1953 from the villagers of Pudupatty village in Rasipuram taluk of Salem district about illicit cutting of forest trees and coupe; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The Government did not receive any representation from the villagers of Pudupatty on 13th December 1953. The Chief Conservator of Forests received a petition, dated 31st December 1953, from one Sri Kuppanna Gounder of Pudupatty post.

" (*b*) A report is awaited from the Chief Conservator of Forests."

Issue of gun licences in South Kanara.

* 1108 *Q.*—Sri K. VENKATRAMANA GOWDA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of gun licences issued in South Kanara up to December 1951;